

surface to be mutually coincident.

43. (Thrice amended) A polarizing device [according to Claim 36,]

comprising:

a transparent plate which has a polarizing beam splitting surface on one surface and a reflection surface on the other surface, wherein light is incident on said transparent plate from said one surface side to be split into reflected light and transmitted light by said polarizing beam splitting surface so that the transmitted light is directed to said other surface and the transmitted light is caused to pass through said one surface by reflection by said reflection surface;

a half wavelength plate for causing polarizing directions of the transmitted light and the reflected light which have been split by said polarizing beam splitting surface to be mutually coincident; and

wherein prism means is disposed on said one surface side of said [substrate] transparent plate, whereby a light is made to be incident on said transparent plate through one of mutually orthogonal surfaces of said prism means and the light from said transparent plate is outgoing through the other one of said mutually orthogonal surfaces.

71. (Twice Amended) A polarizing device [according to Claim 36,]

comprising:

a transparent plate which has a polarizing beam splitting surface on one surface and a reflection surface on the other surface, wherein light is incident on said transparent plate from said one surface side to be split into reflected light and